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SOME TELLING HITS AT ORALISM

VIEWS OF AN EXPERIENCED ORAL INSTRUCTOR

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New Brunswick School for the Deaf.

St. John, N. B., June 20, 1912.

Olof Hanson, Esq.,

Seattle, Wash., U. S. A.

My Dear Sir,

Many thanks for the pamphlets you sent me some time ago on the subject of the vexed question as to the relative merits of the Pure Oral Method and the Combined System of teaching the deaf.

I have much pleasure in stating that I am altogether in agreement with you in the movement to educate the public as to the true facts concerning the results achieved by the Pure Oral Method, so far as the great majority of the deaf taught by that method are concerned.

I am one of the men who introduced the Pure Oral Method into Ireland a good many years ago, and for years I was a fanatical advocate of that method. But time and experience have taught me wisdom, and my views are no longer what they were.

I am both a trained oral teacher and a sign or manual teacher and have had thirty-one years' experience in teaching the deaf, and I think I should know at least a little on the subject which you have so much at heart. I therefore send you an extract from my official report to the legislature of this province for the year 1909-1910 bearing upon the subject. Make what use you like of it.

Wishing you every success in your efforts, I am, my dear sir,

Very sincerely yours,

JOS. KEATING, Principal.

Extract from the official report of Principal Joseph Keating of the New Brunswick School for the Deaf to the Provincial Legislature for the year 1909-1910:

Scholastic.

The method of instruction adopted in the school is that known as the "Combined," which means a combination of all the well known methods of teaching the deaf; and while very few of the pupils attending the school are found capable of being taught intelligible articulation and effective lip-reading, there are none possessing that degree of hearing which would warrant their being taught aurally.

We employ the method indicated for these reasons:

1. By far the larger number of deaf-mutes can be educated by the Combined Method.

2. Though much can be done for a select few of the deaf, particularly the semi-deaf, by the pure oral method, it is the experience of the most eminent and competent teachers that a very large percentage of deaf-mutes who have been educated orally have recourse to the manual alphabet and signs when they leave school because they find that their articulation is not understood by the general public and they cannot lip-read many outside the circle of their immediate relatives and friends; and even these they often cannot read.

3. At best, the articulation of the orally taught deaf is imperfect, indistinct and decidedly unpleasant to hear, and their lip-reading can never become an efficient substitute for the ear. The unfortunate deaf soon become conscious of this fact and drop both altogether.

4. To be effective, the speech of the deaf should be clear, distinct and, above all, absolutely intelligible to the public at large, and their lip-reading should be such as to render constant repetition of the same words by the speaker needless. To achieve this is impossible.

5. The time which the oral teacher spends correcting the faulty articulation and training the eye of his pupil to observe the subtle distinctions in vocal sounds from the delicate movements of the organs brought into play in the production of articulate speech can be more advantageously employed in developing the child's intellectual faculties by means of the manual alphabet and writing.

(Signed)

JOS. KEATING,
Principal.

A Pure Oral Product.

Mr. Joseph Keating, principal of the New Brunswick School for the Deaf, in another letter relates the following incident:

A couple of years ago a well educated deaf gentleman who had been orally taught in one of the schools of the state of New York, called to see me at my school. The servant who opened the door in response to his

ring failed to understand his speech. She then brought him to me, but I too failed to understand what he said. Nor was he able to mouth-read my speech when I spoke to him. I then tried him with the manual alphabets (one hand and two hands) and with signs. He could not read spelling on the fingers and he was utterly unable to comprehend any signs I made to him. I was then reduced to the necessity of writing to him and found that he had been orally taught, that he was well educated and that his father was paying a large sum annually for his education.

When this young man left me he boarded a street car, and I saw him speak to the conductor, but the conductor could not understand a word he uttered.

Now the inference from all this is obvious.

* * *

I earnestly hope that your campaign will prove successful and that the practice of Pure Oralism will receive its quietus before long.

JOS. KEATING, Principal.

The above instance of deaf educated in pure oral schools being unable to communicate orally with strangers is not unusual. Some years ago the pupils in the Lexington Avenue pure oral school in New York were called upon to testify in a case in court. Instead of being able to testify orally a teacher had to interpret their testimony practically as if they had not been taught to speak.

While speech is useful, a knowledge of the sign language is also of great value to the deaf, and even those taught by the oral method should be given an opportunity to learn the sign language.—Ed.

N. A. D. RESOLUTIONS READ

AT THE ORALIST CONVENTION

Clarke School,

Northampton, Mass., July 8, 1912.

Mr. Olof Hanson,

President N. A. D., Seattle, Wash.

My Dear Mr. Hanson:

Yours of June 22 received. The resolutions as enclosed were presented at the meeting in Providence.

Very sincerely yours,

CAROLINE A. YALE, E. L.

The above has reference to the resolutions on the sign language adopted at Colorado Springs by the

sent to Dr. Crouter, as president of N. A. D. These resolutions were first the American Association, with a request that they be read at the convention of the Speech Association in Providence for the information of oral teachers. No reply was received from Dr. Crouter. The same request was thereupon sent to Miss Yale, as chairman of the Program Committee. It is gratifying to know that the resolutions were placed before the convention. Papers published in the interest of the deaf are not read by oral teachers, with a few exceptions, and it is important that these teachers should know the views of the educated deaf.

PARIS PROGRAM.

The program of the Paris Congress opens July 31, Wednesday, with an evening reception, and the next morning, August 1, there is a meeting in the Sorbonne at 9 a. m., and also in the afternoon, with a banquet in the evening at the Continental Hotel.

On Friday, August 2, there will be both morning and afternoon sessions of the Congress, and in the evening an entertainment.

On Saturday, August 3, the National Institute for Deaf Mutes and the Departmental Institute for Deaf Mutes will be visited, also the tomb of Abbe de l'Epee, and trips made in Paris. In the evening the delegates will visit Luna Park.

On Sunday morning, August 4, a pilgrimage will be made to Versailles l'Epee, with mass at the St. Louis Cathedral. In the afternoon the Palace, park and Trianons at Versailles will be visited, with bicycle contests at 3 o'clock, and at 5, a grand banquet at the Hotel France, presided over by the mayor of Versailles.

THE KANSAS MEETING.

The Central Kansas Association of the Deaf met at Wichita July 3, 4 and 5, and had a very successful convention and picnic. Emmette W. Simpson was unanimously re-elected president for the term of 1912-1914, and the other officers are: First vice-president, E. S. Paxton; second vice-president, Mrs. O. L. Paulson; secretary, William E. Wait; treasurer, Ross Davidson. Mrs. B. R. Keach and John Dusch form the executive committee with the above officers.

At the picnic prizes to the value of a hundred dollars were distributed among the winners in the following interesting list of races:

One-hundred-yard dash, gentlemen; 50-yard dash, ladies; race for a wife, bachelors; race for a husband, old maids; tug of war, city vs. country ladies; tug of war, city vs. country men; flag race, children of deaf parents; throwing at an object, ladies; sack race, boys; throwing for dis-

tance, ladies; 50-yard dash, backwards, gentlemen; pop drinking contest, ladies; orange race, little children of deaf parents; cigar race, old smokers; cup race, young ladies; running high jump, gentlemen; basketball contest, ladies; standing broad jump, gentlemen; potato race, ladies; running broad jump, gentlemen; pie-eating contest, ladies; shoe race, gentlemen.

DEAF MUTES FLING

EPITHETS IN COURT

NEW YORK.—There was a silent commotion of an extraordinary character before Magistrate Krotel in Center Street court the other day when Henry J. Hecker, a deafmute pressman of 754 East 152nd Street, appeared as complainant against Miss Nora Sullivan, a young woman of 20, also a deafmute, of 330 Water Street. Hecker charged that Miss Sullivan grossly insulted him on the street last Saturday afternoon, flinging a broadside of slanderous epithets at him from the tips of her fingers and then banging him on the head with an umbrella.

There was no deafmute interpreter in court when the case was called and Magistrate Krotel was at a loss to understand the multitude of high signs that were snapped at him. Hecker vainly talked himself into a state of manual palsy, and court attendants were sent scurrying everywhere for an interpreter. Finally Police Sergeant Quackenbos, who is six feet tall and built like a hack, was reached at police headquarters and came down to court while the quiet excitement was at its height.

Complainant Hecker was pretty weak in the wrists when he took the stand and related how he had been insulted and thwacked with the umbrella.

Then Miss Sullivan took the stand and talked so fast that Quackenbos couldn't get her. He told the magistrate she was having a fit of manual hysterics.

At last Miss Sullivan talked herself into a swoon and was carried to an ante-room. Brought out again, she talked herself into another swoon and came out of No. 2 quite limp. Then it was drawn from her that Hecker had made unpleasant left-handed remarks to her.

"I guess this is all we can stand for one day," adjudged the court.

As the two silent factions filed out of the courtroom there was a wireless riot in the corridors.—New York Ex.

LOST GIRL FOUND

DEAF, DUMB, MAD

PORTLAND, July 15.—The mystery in the disappearance of Miss Nellie Baker, 23 years old, a trained nurse, of Pendleton, Ore., was explained today when through a newspaper pict-

ure she was recognized in a violently insane, deaf and dumb patient in custody of the police and hospital authorities.

Miss Baker left Pendleton June 23 to come to Portland. Her relatives received several letters from her and then communication ceased. Search for the missing young woman was instituted, but no trace of her was found. She had never exhibited signs of deafness or inability to speak and the police did not associate her in any way with the unidentified deaf and dumb young woman who was picked up on the streets by the police on July 3.

Miss Baker's case will be made the subject of an inquiry by medical men, who are baffled by the peculiar turn in her condition.—Post-Intelligencer.

IF YOU SEE IT IN THE OBSERVER IT'S SO.

A pretty wedding took place Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Pritchard, south of town, when their daughter Grace was married to Mr. David H. Krause of Spokane. The bride was born in Skagit county. She is a lovable girl who has many friends. The groom is a highly esteemed young man of Spokane and holds a position as shipping clerk with the Inland Cracker & Candy Co.

The wedding took place in the orchard in the midst of a bower of roses. The bride was beautiful in a pretty white messaline and lace dress. The groom wore conventional black. The wedding was made doubly interesting as both parties are mutes, the ceremony being performed by Rev. O. E. Ames, assisted by the bride's mother, who acted as interpreter. The bride was attended by her sister as maid of honor, and her brother was best man. The ring ceremony was used.

The happy couple left on the 7 p. m. southbound train for Sound points. They were the recipients of many useful presents of linen, silver and cut glass.—Mt. Vernon paper.

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MONTANA'S NEW PRESIDENT.

H. J. Menzemer, of Colorado Springs, has been chosen as president of the Montana School for the Deaf. Mr. Menzemer is spoken of as a conservative young fellow and those who know him feel that he will make a satisfactory official.

The Utah Dixie recently issued a very neat special edition. Those Utah people are surely hustlers.

It will be highly gratifying to all members of the N. A. D. that their resolutions endorsing the Combined System at Colorado Springs were read at the Speech Association meeting in Providence. We are reliably informed that it was through Superintendent R. O. Johnson, of Indiana, that this happy event was brought about. Superintendent Crouter would have undoubtedly suppressed the resolutions, and the deaf could not feel sure that Miss Yale would face the disapproval of the leading champions of oralism. It was Superintendent Johnson who stood up and demanded that our resolutions be read. Three cheers for him! The deaf will not soon forget his act of fairness and friendship.

The fight is only begun. If the oralists think that their unfair victory in Nebraska has materially aided them they are wrong. We do not live in France, in Germany or in England. We are citizens of the glorious republic of America, where every one has a square deal, and where monopolies and gag methods will not long be tolerated.

JUST THE WAY IT IS HERE.

Though angels may write, still 'tis devils must print.—Moore. Our associate editor is a printer—or supposed to be.

R.

MONTANA SCHOOL.

A copy of the Seventeenth Annual report of the Montana School for the Deaf has come into our hands. It is printed by the pupils and is a neat job indeed. It shows the school in a prosperous condition. There are a number of good illustrations, and the American Braille alphabet is printed in the back of the report.

A NEW IDEA.

Salt Lake City, Utah, has an association of the deaf known as the Utah Commercial Club of the Deaf.

They hold meetings semi-monthly and discuss various questions tending to promote the welfare and pleasure of the deaf.

E. Jacobson is president and J. W. McMillis, secretary-treasurer.

A VALUABLE HELPER.

Orr Tousley was the interpreter for both deaf and hearing at the entertainment held July 3 for the Home Fund, and acquitted himself nobly. He interpreted all that needed explanation to the hearing members of the audience, and also made Mr. Fuller's speech intelligible to the deaf. The son of deaf parents, he has a fine command of signs. Though a busy man, he put himself at the service of the deaf, and cheerfully attended rehearsals and gave every assistance in his power. He also sold some thirty tickets. All who have the success of the Home Fund at heart appreciate his willing and valuable aid.

OUR COLLEGE GIRL.

Miss Elsie Peterson is home for the summer vacation from Gallandet College. Her Seattle friends think that Elsie has lost nothing and gained much by her year in Washington, and are pleased to have her represent there this state and city. During the past winter there have been several changes for the better in street car routes and service here. Elsie overlooked the fact that even with her winsome self away Seattle would not stand still. Thinking to surprise her home folks she had no one meet her, but hailed an East Union car to take her home. This was one of the routes that had been changed, and Elsie was landed a good many blocks away from where she expected to go, and had to tramp home. Her home folks were not the only ones surprised that time.

DEPENDS ON THE TIME—THE PLACE.

The originators of oralism have probably forgot one weak spot in oralism. The oral method is rendered useless in the dark.—Utah Dixie. Jimmy Meagher avers that the most (im)pressive lip reading takes place in the dark, that is, when only two are present.

LETTER FROM NEBRASKA PARENTS OF A DEAF PUPIL.

Mr. Olof Hanson,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir: We received your circular of information Nos. 2 and 7, and thank you for them, and the interest you take in the deaf of our state; as we feel that they need a champion in trying to combat the results of the law made by our legislature a year ago, requiring the exclusive use of the oral method in our deaf school at Omaha.

Your reply to Prof. C. G. Pearse is true in every sense, and I only wish it could be more widely read and understood by the general public, for almost every one who knows nothing except what they have read in the magazines will tell the parents of a deaf child how easy it is for the deaf to be taught by lip-reading, etc.

Our daughter is deaf, and we had great hopes of having her educated along the lines of the Volta Bureau. But time and experience have taught us many things, and her education under the combined system is all we ask for, as it is the only method that brings happiness as well as education.

We only hope to see the combined system returned to our state school, and will do all we can to help the good cause along, for the present system fails to give the deaf a "square deal."

Wishing you every success.

Very truly yours,

BANDER IN LUCK.

During the Potlatch Louis Bander, of Tacoma, had the good luck to get one of the merchants' tickets issued by the local committee. This gave him free rides all over town, free dinners, suppers, cigars, and entrance to nearly everything.

The fifth clause of this ticket reads:

"Liability. Owing to the extensive arrangements made for this entertainment of visiting merchants, the committee reserves the right to hang, electrocute, imprison or otherwise dispose of any passenger offering to pay for any of the accommodations mentioned hereon."

NOTICE.

All who wish to attend the Bible class next Sunday, July 21, will please meet at 2 p. m. at the fountain in the old A.-Y.-P. grounds. The lesson will be had there and then the class will go to Ravenna Park by way of the boulevard, and eat lunch in the park. Every one is requested to bring his or her lunch along. There is a small store near Ravenna park where soft drinks can be bought.

OLOF HANSON, Chairman.

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LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. E. Swangren took a trip to the Rose City and visited her parents last week.

Miss Mabel Burnett was in town last week. She expects to make her home with an aunt in Spokane.

Orla Little made a flying trip up from Vancouver a week ago. He is employed at the school this summer.

Friends of Mrs. Jimmy Meagher had anticipated a home-coming visit from her this summer and are disappointed.

True Partridge has been enjoying a ten days' vacation. No one but us editors know where he went and we won't tell.

Mrs. O. Klawitter was among those who did good work for the late home fund entertainment. She disposed of thirty tickets.

There is a young deaf man at Wenatchee—20 years old. He lost his hearing at the age of 15 years. He expects to enter Vancouver school this fall.

At the Fourth of July picnic L. O. Christenson wore a patriotic red, white and blue tie that he has had in his possession for twenty-five years. It is still good and will do for many more Fourth's of July.

Last Saturday night John Adams, Roy Harris, Alex Wade, L. O. Christensen, Aug. Koberstein, A. K. Waugh, Lloyd Rhiley, Ed. Langdon, True Partridge and Robert Patterson started out for a fishing trip. They returned Sunday night very much exhausted with the heavy load of fish.

Helen Hanson was six years old July 12, and entertained a few little friends the afternoon of her birthday. Besides the little hostess there were present her two sisters, Mary and Helen Avitt, Harriet Haughes, Constance Coe, Bessie Wixon and Clarice McCurdy. Alice assisted her mother in serving. The little ones played games on the lawn.

THE FISHES NEARLY GET JIMMY.

Though Jimmy Freddy Meagher is a versatile young man, and succeeds, or tries to, in most things he undertakes, it is a fact that fish fight shy of him when he tries the gentle art of angling. His good wife says it is because he makes them nervous. The other day he was standing on the end of a small floating dock near his camp, wooing those fish to bite, and wooing in vain. As he bent forward, fixing the water with an earnest, anxious gaze, Billy Root casually stepped off the other end of that little dock. Jimmy, attired in one of his best rigs, took a header right into Lake Union, and pulled himself out with his head somewhat reduced in size. He made for the camp, and with the water running from him in rivulets, tried to explain to his wife and the editor how it all happened.

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P. S. A. D. MEETING.

The Puget Sound Association of the Deaf had its regular business meeting Saturday evening, July 13.

An outing committee, made up of Mr. Hanson, chairman; Mr. Axling and Mrs. Meagher, was appointed to arrange monthly walks, with outdoor lunches, campfires, etc. The first of these outings will be on Sunday, July 21, when the Bible class will meet on the University campus, and after the lesson, walk to Ravenna Park for lunch.

The secretary read a very pleasant letter of regret from Mayor Cotterill for his inability to attend the July 3 entertainment.

The treasurer's report showed finances in good shape, with a balance of \$159.62 in bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Meagher offered to give the Association an extra good time at their camp at the next social, July 27. Twenty-five cents admission will be charged.

Mr. Doane, of Los Angeles, favored us with a few remarks.

AGATHA HANSON, Secretary.

THE P. S. A. D. POTLATCH.



The Rug



Jimmy Meagher

The first annual "Potlatch" of the Seattle deaf will be given Saturday, July 27, at Camp Gallaudet, Mrs. Meagher in charge. Take Eastlake or Broadway cars to Eastlake or Harvard. Follow the car track close to the Latona bridge, then take the path down the left bank of Lake Union. The camp is right at the bottom, on the lake shore.

An unparalleled program will be rendered. At 7:30 the state championship 50-yard swim, for deaf-mutes only, will be pulled off, and at 8 p. m. comes a free-for-all boat race. Fine prizes will be awarded. Other games will be played by the light of Japanese lanterns until 11. Twenty-five cents will be charged each person for refreshments and prizes.

Those desiring may come up during the afternoon, bringing their own suppers, and spend the time fishing, swimming or boating.



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 Secretary—Mrs. Agatha Hanson.
 Treasurer—L. C. Christensen.
 Sergeant-at-Arms—W. S. Root.

ROBBED OF \$260.

H. H. Kohn, 2117 Seventh Avenue, while coming home on the Tacoma interurban, was relieved of \$260. He was riding in the smoker and the car was very crowded. He stood up on the way over, and found, on getting home, that his trousers had been cut over the pocket and his purse taken.—Seattle Star, July 8, 1912.

Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.—J. M. Barrie.

PORTLAND, ORE.

The local deaf celebrated the Fourth of July at the Columbia Park. More than seventy were in attendance. Under the management of the committee, Chairman Bud Hastings, Joe Jorg, W. F. Schneider, Rudy Spieler and Robt. Lines, various races were had and many prizes given. Free ice cream and lemonade were distributed by the Association. The day was an ideal one for the occasion and most of the deaf stayed at the park till 6 p. m., when it started to rain.

The monthly meeting of the P. D. I. Society was held Saturday, June 6, but as there was not a quorum a special meeting was had. Messrs. Nelson and Vinson were admitted to membership. For some reason the committee could not arrange the celebration of the Society anniversary last June but they will have it later this month. Watch for the date.

Mrs. John O. Reichle tendered Mr. Henry Nelson a surprise supper at her home July 8 in honor of the event of his birthday. Upon entering the dining room after he got home from work Mr. Nelson was greatly surprised to see several friends seated at the table waiting for him. Those who were present besides himself and Mr. and Mrs. Reichle were Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. Young and Miss B. B. Bond. The supper was a dainty and bountiful one. The rest of the evening was spent in chatting, after which the guests departed, wishing Mr. Nelson many more happy returns of the day.

Mrs. Delanoy was operated upon for appendicitis at the St. Vincent Hospital. She is reported to be doing well and expects to return home in the near future.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Claire Reeves, of Vancouver, were pleased to see them at church Sunday.

Mrs. Ernest Swangren, of Seattle, spent the week of the Elks convention here and made visits among friends.

The stork was in our midst July 9 and left a baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Scott.

Bernt Lunde, of Falls City, John Launne, of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves and Mr. and Mrs. McDonald and Miss Eslinger, of Vancouver, were down to attend our picnic July 4.

TACOMA, WASH.

It is to laugh! Those Tacomans who did attend Seattle's picnic July 4 reported a rainy day there. And in Tacoma it was an ideal day for a holiday. Besides, there was plenty doing, and had the deaf assembled here there would have been no need of anyone exerting himself to have a good time. Joy was on tap, in the town, so to speak. Oh, well, Jupiter pluvius, you aren't such a bad sort

after all!

Mrs. Emily Eaton has been visiting in town. She is enthusiastic over the rose-bead fad and has sold quite a lot of strings of beads.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade paid a visit to the Bertram poultry ranch last Sunday. They report a pleasant visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster are the proud parents of a nine and a half pound baby girl, who arrived Sunday morning, July 4. Mother and child are doing well.

Mr. Lorenz, who arrived here from Wisconsin last March, is enthusiastic over this country. The climate especially appeals to him. Also the cheapness of land. "I formerly didn't believe the West superior to the East, but now—" an expressive gesture completed the remark, words evidently failing to do justice to his feelings. Mrs. Lorenz and the children will arrive here in August or September.

SKAGIT COUNTY BRICKBATS.

"Did yo' hear the tinkling of those bells?"

The report in a recent issue of the Observer that H. W. Rock's millinery store for equines had been destroyed by fire, was an error, for as a matter of fact it was a millinery store for Puellas that was put out of business, and Harry wishes it understood that his shop is not dealing in rats, puffs and false curls.

"Grasshopper" Garrison blew into this burg Wednesday, all puffed up over the result of the voting contest of the Tacoma society June 23. We were unable to learn the date of the wedding, but understand that it will be in close company with the date of our Biblical hero.

We have rather enjoyed the flights of fancy on the part of the Observer's poetess (?) correspondent in Tacoma lately.

In the recent collapse of the La Conner bank, Mrs. Harry Rock lost something over \$300.00 and at present there seems small hope of recovering any of it. So much for our lax banking laws.

NUMSKULL.

FATAL INJURY.

Mrs. A. J. Bates, an aged deaf lady, while crossing the track at Frances, Wash., stumbled and fell with one arm across the rail and before she could recover herself a switch engine had crushed the limb. Amputation became necessary, from the shock of which she died. She was 73 years of age and with her husband, who survives her, would have celebrated her fifty-second anniversary next January.

Mrs. Bates was educated at Fanwood. The family came to this state from Iowa some years ago. Three sons survive her.

"THE SILENT HELPER."

Martin M. Taylor, missionary, has issued at Kalamazoo, Mich., a little four-page paper entitled "The Silent Helper." It is published monthly in the interest of the deaf missions of western Michigan, and the subscription price is 25 cents yearly. It is a bright and neatly printed little paper, full of helpful items interesting to all churchmen and women. Subscriptions are welcome and should be sent to Martin M. Taylor, Oakland Drive, R. F. D. No. 8, Kalamazoo, Mich.

SPOKANE.

The engagement of Miss Mira Ford to John P. Frisby has been openly announced. Congratulations. N. B.—If there is any mistake to this the reporter, who is well known, would be more than willing to correct it, though we all hope it is DITTO. Further, we do not want The Observer's staff menaced as they were on our last congratulations.

Cortland Greenwald is not losing any time in getting acquainted here. He has made considerable progress so far.

Ross Slightam, who has been on a 10-days' business trip to the Coast, returned recently healthy as ever.

The report that the Acme Club failed seems to be hot air, according to the way of gossip.

We have got something we would like to publish in this place, but on account of the injustice done us we can only advise you to see Mr. Krause. He will doubtless accept your congratulations more earnestly than ours.

The Fourth of July guests as far as known were Miss Anna Courtway, Wenatchee; Jessie Livingstone, Belmont; Laura Hughes, St. Maries; Arva Tiller, Ritzville; Mrs. E. H. Morgan, Rosalia; Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Fulmer, Mead; Frank Garrison, Coeur d'Alene; Mikey Coine, John D. McCook, from way down east in Iowa.

William Charles is still idle and takes things mighty serious, often threatening to vacate Spokane for good.

Henry T. Jensen is employed as conductor by the Spokane Traction Co. Frisby, Henrich, Slightam and Bergh are still employed by the city.

The Spokane silent motorcycle squad is suffering pretty bad. Henrich is the last one contemplating on parting with his honk honk bug.

John Toner is still employed with the Inland Empire system. Ed. Whipple and Alf. Arnot seem to be the latest members of the I. W. W.

We've got plenty more news, but it would have to be boiled down, and knowing most of us like our meals rare we are leaving it out.

"The man who has lived for himself has the privilege of being his own mourner."—Beecher. TOMMY.

CHICAGO

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Deaf picnicked at Garfield Park on June 22.

Mesdames Sonneborn and Lefi and Miss Peck arrived home June 15 from their trip to the Pacific Coast. They reported having a real gay time of their life.

Friends of Miss Katie Dunn are pained to learn of her confinement at the hospital for the insane in Kankakee. They sincerely hope that by dint of careful treatment her reason will come back.

Mr. M. Sonneborn is gradually convalescing and expects to be fully recovered in a few weeks or months. His arm was slightly operated on for pus.

The Epworth League will hold its annual picnic at Jackson Park on July 27.

Miss Cora Jacobs entertained a few friends to a miscellaneous shower for Mr. and Mrs. C. Sharpnack's baby, at her home Thursday, July 11. The little one, who is now four months old, was the recipient of many pretty presents.

Mrs. Lefi, accompanied by Mrs. Heinlein, left for Paw Paw Lake. The Sonneborns expect to follow later.

Miss Eliza Gabler is spending a week in La Porte, Ind., with her old chum, Mrs. F. B. Cope.

Miss Mary Peek entertained some of her friends at a luncheon Friday, July 12.

Rev. Hasenstab takes a three weeks' vacation in August and will camp at Lake Delavan, Wis., where his family are, they having departed for that place Tuesday, July 9, to remain the rest of the summer.

Miss Regan, who has been sick with rheumatism for several years, departed from this life July 3.

Mr. Lewis and family, of West Pullman, moved to West Virginia on a farm with his parents.

The Ladies' Aid Society held its annual picnic at Garfield Park June 22.

Miss Laura Sheridan is here for the summer and will occupy the pulpit at the M. E. Church during Rev. Hasenstab's absence. She is greatly interested in the missionary work.

Mr. W. Zollinger and Miss E. Gabler spent the Fourth with the Pauling family near Monee, Ill.

Mr. F. Sawyer, of Leland, Ill., stopped off in Chicago on his way to Michigan on a pleasure and business trip combined. Wonder if there was an attraction there?

Mrs. James Watson has improved so considerably that she was able to make a two weeks' visit to her home place in Ottawa, Ill.

MINNESOTA

As if the deaf impostors did not know that Minnesota is the home of Chief of Police Howard, a horde of them have lately struck the southeast end of our state.

One of them lately called at the home of J. H. McFarlane and, being put to the test, was found unable to understand a sign except one that caused him to beat it before connections were made with the police station, only three blocks off.

At the same time, Anton Schroeder, who keeps this part of the state instructed in regard to the impostors, was haled to court to assist in disposing of a so-called deaf beggar, probably one of a gang. After hearing Schroeder's opinion that the prisoner was faking, the judge sent him down for thirty days.

The St. Paul deaf, through their leader, Anton Schroeder, are doing their part to rid the country of the "deaf" imposter nuisance.

Anton Schroeder is putting up a fine modern residence on Carroll Street, Merriam Park, overlooking

the Mississippi River.

A number of the St. Paul deaf, including Mr. and Mrs. McNeil and Mrs. Schroeder, are at Alexandria.

Rev. Mr. Whildin, of Baltimore, held a preaching service at Charleston, W. Va., on July 1. A number of deafmutes were in attendance.

A MINNESOTA WEDDING.

The announcement has been received of the wedding of Miss Katherine E. Gloeser to Edwin J. Cleveland at Minneapolis, on June 21. The groom is unknown to us, but we do know that he has won the prize of his life in our gentle and lovable Katie. Nobody can know her without loving and honoring her, and her many friends will rejoice to think of her as the mistress of her own little home. Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland will be at home after August 1 at 493 Broadway, St. Paul.

Sebastian Schreiner, aged 43, was adjudged insane and sent to the Massillon State Asylum from his home in Akron, Ohio, on June 29.



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